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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 18 April 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

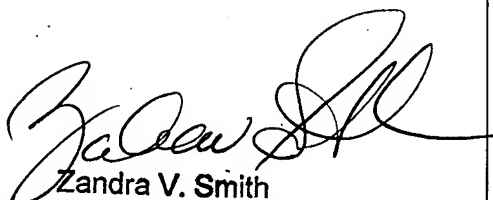
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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

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